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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV

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1. ALTHOUGH IT WAS AN INITIAL PROTOCOL CALL, AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH MLADENOV APRIL 2 BROUGHT OUT CERTAIN NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIVE POINTS. GENERAL TONE WAS POSITIVE, WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PUSHING FOR "NEXT STEPS" IN DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS.

2. MLADDOV STRESSED IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY GOB TO DENT VISIT AS "OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OUR LEADERSHIP AND RECEIVE THE BEST INFORMATION ABOUT THE DESIRES AND POSSIBILITIES OF COOPERATION." MLADENOV SAID DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS MUST NOT BE LIMITED TO ECONOMIC SPHERE BUT SHOULD INCLUDE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL FIELDS. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THIS FORMULATION AND SAID WE VIEW DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS AS ONE INTEGRAL WHOLE, EXTENDING OVER THE WHOLE GAMUT. WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR IS EFFORT TO "NORMALIZE" RELATIONS, WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED, AND WE BELIEVE THAT EXCHANGES, FOR INSTANCE, SHOULD NOT BE CONFIDENTIAL

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FINED TO TECHNICAL FIELD BUT SHOULD INCLUDE ALSO CULTURAL

FIELD. MLADENOV EXPRESSED AGREEMENT.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER THEN REFERRED TO PLANNED VISIT OF DEPUTY PREMIER IVAN POPOV "SOMETIME THIS YEAR" AND REFERRED TO HOPE HE HAD EXPRESSED TO SECRETARY ROGERS "AND CONFIRMED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER" THAT US SECRETARY OF STATE WOULD FIND TIME FOR A VISIT, HOWEVER, BRIEF,. BULGARIA. HE SAID VISIT OF "EVEN ONE OR TWO HOURS WOULD BE WELCOME.

4.; AMBASSADOR REFERRED TO IMPORTANCE OF AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION WHICH IS OFTEN REFLECTED IN CONGRESSIONAL OPINION WHICH IN TURN HAS IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON US FOREIGN POLICY, AND IN THAT CONNECTION CONSIDERED THE COMING VISIT OF CODEL IPU TO BULGARIANS AS OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS. MLADENOV EAGERLY AGREED, EXPRESSING ONLY REGRET THAT VISIT WILL BE SO SHORT, AND THAT HE WILL NOT BE IN SOFIA TO TALK WITH DELEGATION.
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